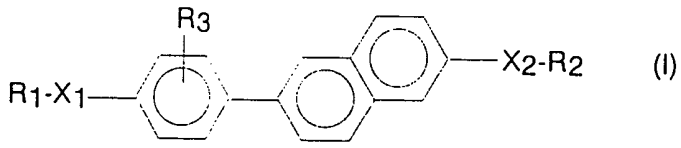
ABSTRACT

A liquid crystalline compound having a novel structure and a process for producing the same are provided. The liquid crystalline compound is represented by the following general formula (I):



(I)

wherein R_1 and R_2 each independently represent a straight-chain, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 22 carbon atoms and may be attached directly to the aromatic ring without through X_1 or X_2; R_3 represents a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, a fluorine atom, or a methyl group; and X_1 and X_2 each independently represent an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, or a -CO-, -OCO-, -COO-, -N=CH-, -CONH-, -NH-, -NHCO-, or $-CH_2-$ group.